

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**March 30, 2004**

**FROM:** PATRICK J. MEAD, Interim Director  
Department of Public Works, Flood Control

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing body of the Flood Control District (District), authorize the District to submit 12 grant applications to the State's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to assist with the funding of several District projects.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The HMGP provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declarative. The California Firestorm of 2003 and the related flooding have been declared a Presidential disaster (DR-1498). Currently, the total estimated federal funding available for this HMGP is approximately \$14,000,000. HMGP grants are provided on a cost-share basis of 75 percent federal share and 25 percent non-federal share. As a result of the declaration of the major disaster for DR-1498, the counties of San Bernardino, San Diego, Riverside, Ventura and Los Angeles are eligible for the HMGP grants. Of the 44 projects, the District previously submitted Notice of Interest (NOI), OES approved 40 projects for possible funding.

Following District review of project eligibility requirements for HMGP Grant funding and availability of FEMA funds, District has selected 12 priority projects for formal submittal of applications to OES. The selected projects are:

- Almond Channel Extension--Rancho Cucamonga
- Construct diversion structure and increase capacity of Deer Creek Dam--Rancho Cucamonga
- Increase debris capacity of Rich Basin--Fontana
- Improve Little Sand Creek to ultimate design--San Bernardino
- Enlarge Reinforced Box Culvert at Alabama/City Creek Road and Board of Supervisors

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- Update County Ordinances
- Purchase four Electronic Message Boards and Trailers
- Prepare Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Purchase properties in the Greenwood-Devore Area, KOA Campground, Devore area, Cedar Glen/Hook Creek and Lytle Creek

Formal applications for funding are due by April 2, 2004. Staff is in the process of completing the applications and will submit to OES by the required deadline. Exhibit "A" summarizes the projects and indicates the funding sources. If OES concurs with the District's request, formal applications will be submitted by OES to FEMA for potential funding.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico, 387-5481 on March 18, 2004, and County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst), 387-4635 on March 22, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** No financial impact from submitting the applications. If grant applications are ultimately approved by the State OES and FEMA, the District will subsequently submit a separate item to the Board for acceptance of the grant funds. The 12 projects that are being submitted for funding have a total cost of \$20,274,774. If all these projects were approved, FEMA would fund \$15,206,081 of the cost and the remaining \$5,068,693 would be funded by the District. However, as previously mentioned, only \$14 million of HMGP funds are available.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative office has reviewed this item and concurs with the District's recommendation because if the applications are successful, FEMA would finance 75% of the cost of the hazard mitigation project.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTER:** Patrick J. Mead, 387-7906.